



World Refugee Day

Houston is home to nearly 70,000 refugees from more than 80 countries and currently leads the nation in refugee resettlement, welcoming more than 2,000 refugees every year. Our city's robust diversity of cultures and economic vitality is greatly attributed to refugees who have brought new flavors and zest from their home countries.

The Houston Refugee Consortium is a collaboration of local agencies which provide services to refugees and assist them with resettlement. In partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the City of Houston's Department of Neighborhoods and Office of International Communities, The Houston Refugee Consortium is comprised of Alliance for Multicultural Community Services, Bilingual Education Institute, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Houston Community College, Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, Refugee Services of Texas and YMCA International Services.

On June 18, 2016, in honor of the unrelenting perseverance of refugees from Africa, Asia, Latin America and around the world, the Houston Refugee Consortium will celebrate **World Refugee Day** at the Houston Community College-Central Campus. The City of Houston is pleased to honor all refugees and extends a heartfelt welcome to those who now call Houston home.

THEREFORE, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim June 18, 2016, as

World Refugee Day

in Houston, Texas



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 2nd day of June, 2016.

Sylvester Turner
Mayor of the City of Houston